



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month

WHEREAS, neurofibromatosis is a genetic disorder that disrupts cell growth in the nervous system, causing tumors to form on nerve tissue; and these tumors can occur anywhere in the nervous system, including in your brain, spinal cord, and large and small nerves; and

WHEREAS, the tumors are usually noncancerous (benign) and the disorder is usually mild, but effects of neurofibromatosis can range from hearing loss and learning impairment to cardiovascular complications and, in a few cases, cancer; and

WHEREAS, neurofibromatosis is typically diagnosed in childhood or early adulthood affects over 100,000 Americans; and

WHEREAS, neurofibromatosis treatment aims to maximize healthy growth and development and to manage complications as soon as they arise; and in cases in which neurofibromatosis causes large tumors or tumors that are pressing on a nerve, surgery may help ease symptoms; and

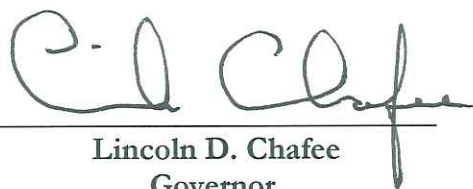
WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis, Inc., Northeast has worked for over 20 years on their mission to find a cure for neurofibromatosis; and

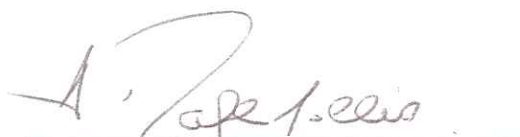
WHEREAS, neurofibromatosis patients and families of Rhode Island are determined to raise neurofibromatosis awareness and their mission is to find a cure by funding, promoting research, and providing hope and support to neurofibromatosis patients, and creating awareness; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim May, 2012 as Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 10th day of April, 2012


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State